

REMARKS

I. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated June 1, 2005, claims 11-12 have been cancelled, and claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1-10 remain in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph (3) of the Office Action, claims 6-10 were considered allowed.

The Applicants thank the Examiner and formally recognizes the allowable status of claims 6-10. Claims 1-5 have been amended to include the indicated allowable subject matter of claim 6.

III. Prior Art Rejections

In paragraphs (1)-(2) of the Office Action, claims 1-5 and 11-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lazaris-Brunner et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,408,164 (Lazaris-Brunner) in view of Acampora et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,425,639 (Acampora).

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections, but in light of the amendments reported above, respectfully submit that the amendments have been rendered moot.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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